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1. Prior to 15 December 1950, the Hauptverwaltung Seepolizei (Main Administration of Sea Police) (HVS) was located at 5-6 Kurzestrasse, Berlin-Wilhelmsruh. It was staffed by about 150 officers and 150 EM. Officers on the staff included VP Generalinspekteur Waldemar Verner, chief of HVS; VP Chefinspekteur Felix Scheffler, chief of staff; VP Chefinspekteur Paul Hlebschmidt, chief of Administrative Department; VP Chefinspekteur Fischer, chief of Personnel Department; VP Kommandeur Kreis, chief of Planning and Organization Department; VP Kommandeur Zuehlsdorf, chief of Motor Transport Department; VP Oberrat Stein, chief of PK Department, and VP Rat Neumann, chief of Supply Department. Three Russians in civilian clothes and one Russian wearing the Seepolizei uniform of a VP Inspekteur were liaison officers.
2. [redacted] in December 1950 the following officers were attached to HVS headquarters: Chefinspekteur Bars, Chief of the PK Department; Oberrat Dagobert Teuber, Deputy Chief of Personnel Department; Inspekteur Wesoleck, Chief of Communications Department; Oberrat Ehm, Deputy Chief of Communications Department. 50X1-HUM
3. [redacted] Kommandeur Finke of the HVS Construction Department and his assistant, an unidentified Oberrat, were arrested by the State Security Service (Staats Sicherheitsdienst) (SSD) on 22 December 1950. Kommandeur Zuehlsdorf, of the HVS staff, was also arrested at the end of December. The day that Finke was arrested VP Kommandeure Bartsch (of the Shipbuilding Department), Lemke (headquarters commandant), and Kreis failed to report for duty. Their positions were immediately filled by other officers, with Kommandeur Wolter (or Walter) appointed the new headquarters commandant. Lemke's suspension was lifted at the end of January 1951, when he began to familiarize himself with the conduct of affairs at the Motor Transport Department. Allegedly he is to replace Kommandeur Zuehlsdorf. 50X1-HUM
4. [redacted] at the end of December 1950 Chefinspekteur Verner was heard to say that the command echelon of the HVS would move to Niederschoeneweide upon completion of construction work there. 50X1-HUM

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5. In December 1950, the Seepolizei training school in Parow was attended by about 300 police who received basic infantry training, political indoctrination, seamanship training, and instruction in Morse code. The school was equipped with four motor mine sweepers, each 30 meters long, and six small sailing vessels, formerly of the German Navy. It was said that the school would be furnished with six new gun boats from Stralsund. [] the training program of the Parow school includes courses for six different seamanship careers, a course for engineer officer candidates, and a course for ship carpenters. 50X1-HUM
6. The Seepolizei boat-testing institute in Wolgast was headed by VP Kommandeur Siegfried Gerber and equipped with three motor mine sweepers with mine-sweeping gear in December 1950.
7. Seepolizei offices were being established in Warnemuende, Sassnitz and Arkona in December 1950.
8. A Seepolizei telephone exchange operated by five police has been located in the building of VP Direktion II on Patriotischer Weg, Rostock, since 15 November 1950. [] two teletypewriters would be installed there. 50X1-HUM
9. A Seepolizei branch telephone exchange with teletypewriter, radio telephone and telephone station was being established in Stralsund in December 1950.
10. Both the Magdeburg-Rothensee shipyard and the Thaelmann Shipyard in Brandenburg on the Havel River were engaged in the construction of motor mine sweepers for the Seepolizei in December 1950. The building program was disguised as a "fishing boat project."
11. The function of the Seepolizei is the control of ship traffic in waters outside the three-mile limit. Control of the coastal waters within the three-mile limit is performed by Grenspolizei. Grenspolizei personnel wear VP uniforms with buttons with an anchor design, while the Seepolizei wear blue naval uniforms.
12. A distributing point for equipment of the Seepolizei was to be established in an installation of wooden warehouses, about 200 meters from the Wolgast railroad station. In mid-January 1951, the installation was being recon-ditioned by a unit of 200 police commanded by VP Oberkommissar Richter, whose deputy was Oberkommissar Barkowski.
13. A Seepolizei school of about 1,000 police is located in stone buildings and low wooden barracks buildings on the seashore near Ahlbeck. Commandant of the school is VP Kommandeur Teusch. The school is equipped with 10 to 12 boats, which allegedly included several mine sweepers of Russian origin.
14. VP Rat Mossek is PK officer at the Seepolizei school in Kuehlungsborn, at which signal training is conducted.
15. About the middle of November 1950, 1,500 police were inducted into the Seepolizei and allegedly assigned to VP units in Ahlbeck and Parow.

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